



Daniel Kuznik

2008 Indiana Teacher of the Year

What others are saying . . .

“Dan is one of those rare educators who understands and embraces the awesome responsibility of educating all children. His strength as a teacher is his ability to connect, interact and inspire his students to learn.”

- Nathaniel Jones, Superintendent of MSD Pike Township

“Mr. Kuznik embodies excellence in the classroom. When you enter his classroom, you witness the teacher who motivates and encourages his students to love math. His calm and positive demeanor has allowed him to gain the trust of his students.”

- Shawn Smith, Principal of Pike High School Freshman Center

“Mr. Kuznik clearly has the ability to connect with his students in an important way. The high expectations he sets for his students are a positive example for us all, and we are proud to have him representing us at the national teacher of the year competition.”

- Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction

What Kuznik says . . .

“The essentials of education are commonly listed as curriculum, instruction and assessment. I challenge educators to add the essential of relationships. While at first glance it might seem non-curricular, in reality none of the first three essentials can be obtained effectively without forming productive relationships with our students.”

““What rewards do you find in teaching?’ What rewards *don’t* I find in teaching?!”

“It [teaching] is not a job that you can just leave on your desk and return the next day; you take it home with you regularly.”



Kuznik Facts

School: Pike High School Freshman Center,
MSD of Pike Township
Grades: 9-12
Subject: Mathematics
Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics
with Secondary Education –
Valparaiso University

Master of Education in Curriculum
and Instruction – *Indiana Wesleyan
University*

Awards/Recognitions

- District Teacher of the Year, MSD of Pike Township, 2006-07
- Red ROSE Award, Pike High School, 2004-07
- District Teacher of the Year Runner-Up, MSD of Pike Township 2005-06
- Teacher of the Year, Pike High School Freshman Center, 2005-06
- Golden Apple Award, Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 2006
- Above and Beyond Award, MSD of Pike Township Superintendent, 2005